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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation  
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1. President Sukarno talked briefly with news reporters this morning prior to a plenary cabinet session. The meeting with the press obviously had been planned to counter speculation that Sukarno was too ill to make a public appearance. He refused to make a press statement, but stood or walked about before the newsmen. First Deputy Prime Minister Subandrio pointedly commented, "Here, you see the president healthy."

2. After the cabinet meeting, Subandrio gave a statement to the press detailing the course of the session. From Subandrio's account, Sukarno apparently made an effort to conciliate all factions, play down the importance of recent events, and to return the nation's attention to the idea of an external threat. He denounced the killing of the six generals in what he termed the 30 September "incident," did not justify the creation of Untung's "Revolution Council," accepted the necessity for action against elements "from all groups" who had taken part in the "incident" but called for an orderly atmosphere and a peaceful settlement. He noted that commander of the air force Marshal Dani had reported on the arrest of a number of instructors of men and women volunteers at the Halim Air Force base believed to have been involved in the 30 September incident. He stated that neither he nor the prophet Mohammed in the course of much experience had given precedence to revenge.

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3. Sukarno urged again that divisive feelings and accusations be avoided since division in Indonesia's political life could only benefit the neocolonialists and imperialists. He said that the enemy is near us and that if the Indonesian revolution is disrupted, NEKOLIM (neocolonialist-imperialist) threats would become realities.

4. The army is reported to have imprisoned 200 armed Communists in Djakarta and to have rounded up members of the Communist youth front who have received military training.

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